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Source states that the Soviet brokery is conducting a subversive campaign to induce large numbers of unemployed to concentrate in the cities, and that this is being done in order to exploit these individuals on behalf of the Tudeh Party in case of a crisis.

- 2. The Soviet Embassy is attempting to retain in Tehran those Armenians who had applied for repatriation but who had not departed for Soviet Armenia, either because they were not selected or because they vacillated. The Soviets are also endeavoring to induce Iranian peasants to leave their fields during the spring planting season and migrate to the cities.
- 3. A group of these peasants, while traveling to Tehran, stopped at Karaj where the Iranian government was distributing bread and supplying work to the unemployed. Tudeh agents sabotaged the ovens and for two days no bread was available.

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